REMARKS

Claims 25 through 33, 39 through 42, 55, 78 through 84 and 107 have been allowed. Claims 57 through 63, 85 through 89, 101 through 104, 117 and 118 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 43 through 45, 73 and 94 have previously been withdrawn from consideration.

By this fifth Amendment, claim 14 is amended. Thus, claims 1 through 56, 64 through 84, 90 through 100, 105 through 116 and 119 through 121 are pending in the application.

Specifically, at line 13 of claim 14, *mass* being perforated by an aperture has been amended to read *plug* being perforated by an aperture.

Entry of the foregoing Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116(b) is proper, because this amendment removes the issues under both the first and second paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. §112, for purposes of appeal, and because this Amendment conform to Paper No. 09152004.

No fee is incurred by this Amendment. Should other fees be incurred however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-4943 of Applicant's undersigned attorney in the amount of such fees.

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